



LOS ANGELES COUNTY **REDISTRICTING 2021**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC)
CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING – January 20, 7:00 pm
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission (CRC) called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Thai V. Le, KH Consulting Group (KH) staff for the CRC, took roll call with the following Commissioners present:

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Stecher		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mayeda		
Outcome:	Unanimously approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
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4. PUBLIC COMMENT—GENERAL

This is the time for public comment on matters not on the agenda. Pursuant to state law, the Commission may not discuss or act on issues not on the meeting agenda, except that members of the Commission or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

No written or oral public comment was made on matters not on the agenda prior to the meeting.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under the consent calendar are considered by the CRC Executive Director to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless a Commissioner requests otherwise, in which case the item will be removed for separate consideration.

The Commissioners decided to provide an additional week to review and approve the minutes for the January 13, 2021, CRC meeting.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Stecher		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mayeda		
Outcome:	Approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

6. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough provided an overview to the approach to each action/discussion item on the agenda.

6a. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Bylaws (continuation) – Holly O. Whatley, Esq., CRC Independent Legal Counsel

Holly O. Whatley, Esq., CRC Independent Legal Counsel, presented an overview of the draft Bylaws. Commissioner Holtzman explained the legal term *ex parte*.

Public speaker comment: The Commissioners received public comment from:





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- Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate, Advancement Project
- Kiyana Asemanfar, Common Cause
- Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, President – WEDC
- Fatima Malik, League of Women Voters of California
- Julia Gomez, ACLU SoCal (comment read aloud)

Commissioner Discussions. The Commissioners continued discussing the Draft Bylaws with the understanding that no final decisions would be made at this meeting. The motions made were for proposed revisions to the Draft Bylaws prepared by Holly Whatley. Once the revisions are made, the Commission will review again the Bylaws in their totality for approval at a future meeting.

Public Comment Time Length

The Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of establishing 2 minutes for public comments with the ability of the Chair to increase or decrease the public comment time period. A motion was made to set the time limit at 2 minutes unless otherwise specified by the Chair.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Wong		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Stecher		
Outcome:	Approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
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Alternates

The Commissions discussed the pros and cons of having Alternates. The Commissioners were sensitive to the need to have any individual who filled a Commissioner vacancy reflect the political party affiliation, gender, race/ethnicity, and age of the Commissioner being replaced. Therefore, the Commissioners agreed that, in the event of a Commissioner vacancy, to try to fill the vacancy from the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) remaining pool of 46 most qualified applicants. In the event the Commissioner vacancy could not be filled





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form the pool, the Commissioners could consider other candidates. The Commissioners would like to keep the 46 applicants engaged in the process.

A motion was made to fill a Commissioner vacancy at the time it occurs from the pool of the most qualified applicants, identified by the RR/CC, and, to the greatest extent practicable, that the replacement Commissioner should reflect the demographics and political party affiliation of the vacant Commissioner seat.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Stecher		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mayeda		
Outcome:	Approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Abstain	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

Calendar: Meeting Dates and Times

The Commission discussed dates and times for their regular meetings. A motion was made to hold their regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. each month.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Mayeda		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Williams		
Outcome:	Approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

Process for Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

The Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of having permanent versus rotated Chairs and Vice Chairs. The motion was made to have permanent Chairs and Vice Chairs.





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Motion Made:	Commissioner Saira Soto		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura		
Outcome:	Approved		
No	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused	Commissioner Hailes Soto
No	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	No	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

These discussions on the Bylaws will continue at the next CRC meeting. Commissioner Holtzman requested that the Executive Director provide copies of his proposed Draft Bylaws without the redlining.

6b. Discussion and Possible Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Holly O. Whatley, Esq., CRC Independent Legal Counsel

Commissioners began discussing who might be potential Chairs and Vice Chairs. Questions were asked about the time requirement. All agreed to give the positions additional consideration and to continue the item at the next CRC meeting. The Commissioners requested the Executive Director to share their contact information with them. Any Commissioners who did not want their contact information shared with other Commissioners were to let the Executive Director know by noon, January 21, 2021.

6c. Discussion and Possible Approval of Calendar for the Year – Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., CRC Executive Director

The Executive Director presented an overview of the Calendar for the Year, emphasizing that the calendar would be adjusted as information regarding the time frame for the release of the 2020 Census data occurred. This Calendar for the Year, though, is important to give the public lead time regarding CRC regular meetings; anticipated public hearings; release of the redistricting mapping software; Commissioners' review of submitted redistricting maps by the public; and development, refinement based on further public input, and adoption of their own proposed redistricting map.

The Commissioners requested that the public commenters on this Agenda item be given 2 minutes to speak.





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Public Comment: The Commissioners received public comment from:

- Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate, Advancement Project
- Kiyana Asemanfar, Common Cause

Commissioner Discussions. Given the uncertainty of when the 2020 Census data may be released, the Commissioners requested that the key activities surrounding the release be indicated in number of weeks after the release. The Commissioners also want to have the ability to schedule more public hearings if desired. The Executive Director indicated the Calendar for the Year listed the number of required public hearings and that the Commissioners could do more public hearings or workshops for additional public and community input and engagement.

Commissioners requested that the Calendar for the Year incorporate flexibility in terms of weeks after receipt of the 2020 Census data. A motion was made to adopt the Calendar for the Year, understanding that it is a work in progress and will be updated as the year transpires.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Williams		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Wong		
Outcome:	Approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
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6d. Discussion of Commissioner Tasks and Potential Formation of Ad Hoc Working Groups – Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., CRC Executive Director

This item was continued without discussion to a future meeting.

6e. Receive and Consider Approval of Commissioner Selection Report – Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., CRC Executive Director

This item was continued without discussion to a future meeting.





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7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commission Holtzman asked the Commissioners to review a list of future Agenda Items he prepared for future consideration.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director mentioned the importance of Commissioners to completing the “onboarding” process to use their Commissioner assigned emails. She also mentioned that portions of the website may be activated for either the January 27, 2021, meeting or first CRC meetings in February 2021.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Made:	Commissioner Stecher
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Vento

The meeting of January 20, 2021, was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

To sign up for receiving future notices or provide written public comment, email:
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